



Springfield-Sangamon County
Regional Planning Commission

Comprehensive Planning

WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- A plan gives community members an opportunity to clarify their ideas about the kind of community they are creating through their many specific decisions.



A Plan Provides Direction.



- Since it indicates how a local government will act over time regarding development and redevelopment, the comprehensive plan provides direction to the private sector that will shape private initiatives such as development proposals.

Involve the Citizenry

- In many communities, the preparation of a comprehensive plan is the local government's most visible means of involving the public.



**2020 Land Use Plan
Springfield, Illinois**

Low Density Residential	Multiple-Family / Office	Neighborhood Commercial	Park / Open Space	Proposed Roads
Mixed Density Residential	Office / Service	Conventional	Conservation Area	Trail
Higher Density Residential	Redevelopment	Heavy Commercial	Floodplain	Pipeline
Community Facilities		Industrial		

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 Approved by City Council December 15, 2007
 Prepared by the Planning Department
 January 2008

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 Prepared by City of Springfield
 January 2008

- A comprehensive plan, through the adoption of goals and policies, establishes a framework for the administration of zoning and subdivision regulations and the location, financing and sequencing of public capital investment.

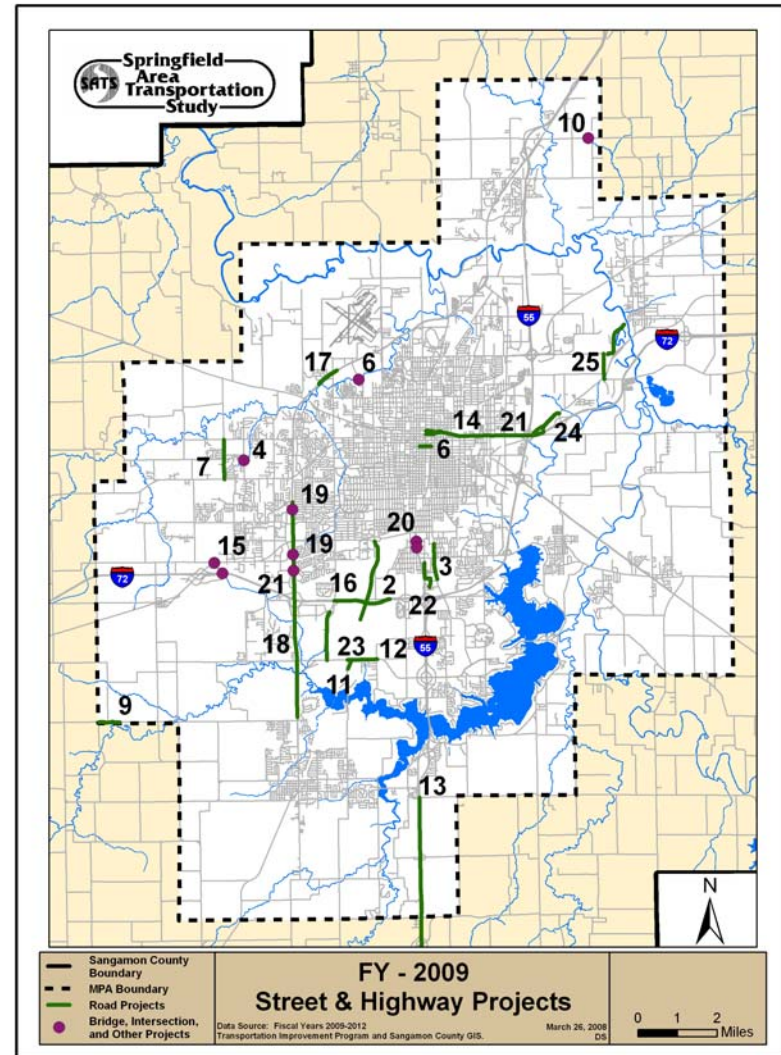
Core Components

- The **local comprehensive plan** is the vision of what the community wants to become and the steps needed to meet that goal. Comprehensive plans are composed of a series of separate, but interrelated, **core elements** that address specific topics defined in the Illinois Local Planning Technical Assistance Act (Public Act 92-0768, Sec. 5).

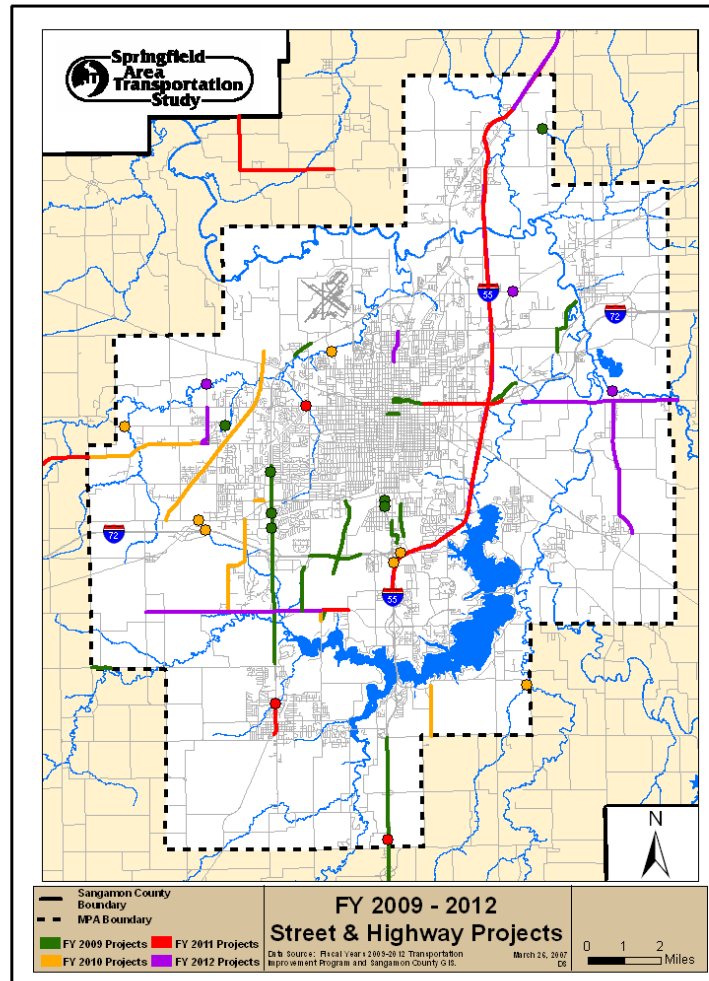
Transportation

Where will the growth occur?

Where should new roads be constructed?



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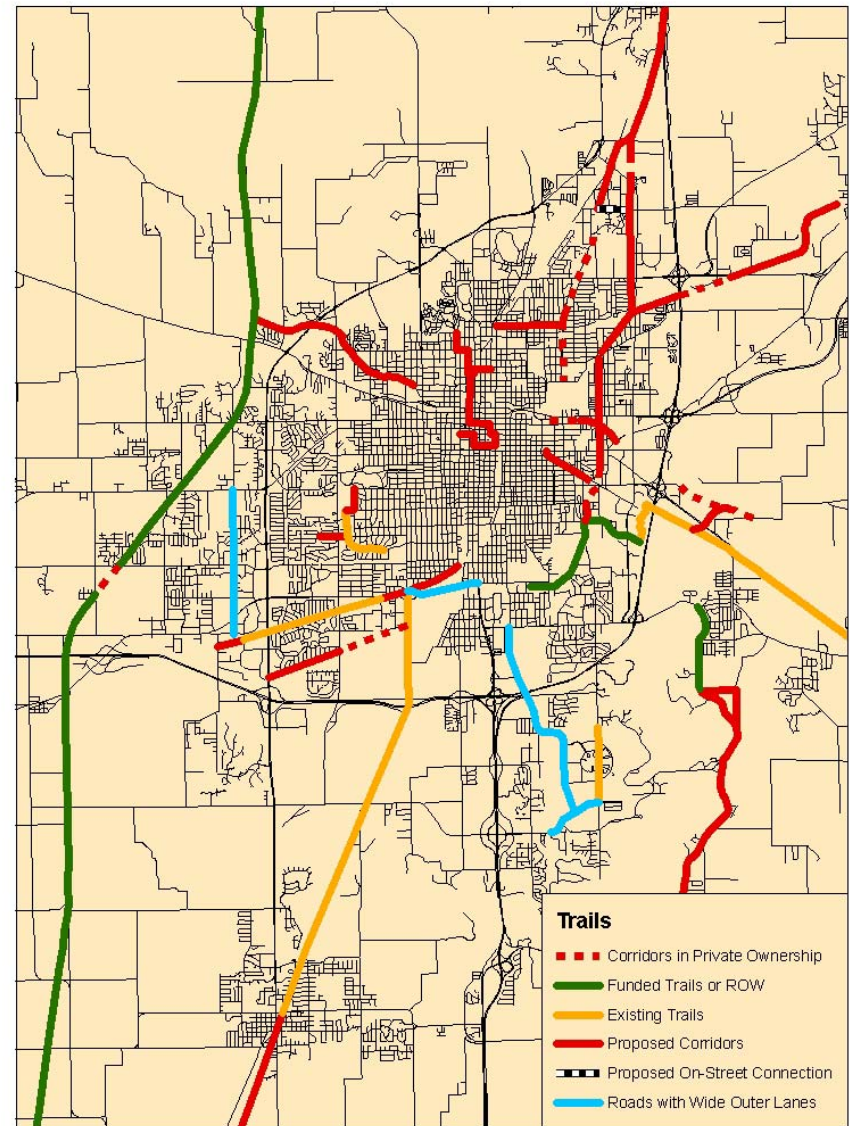


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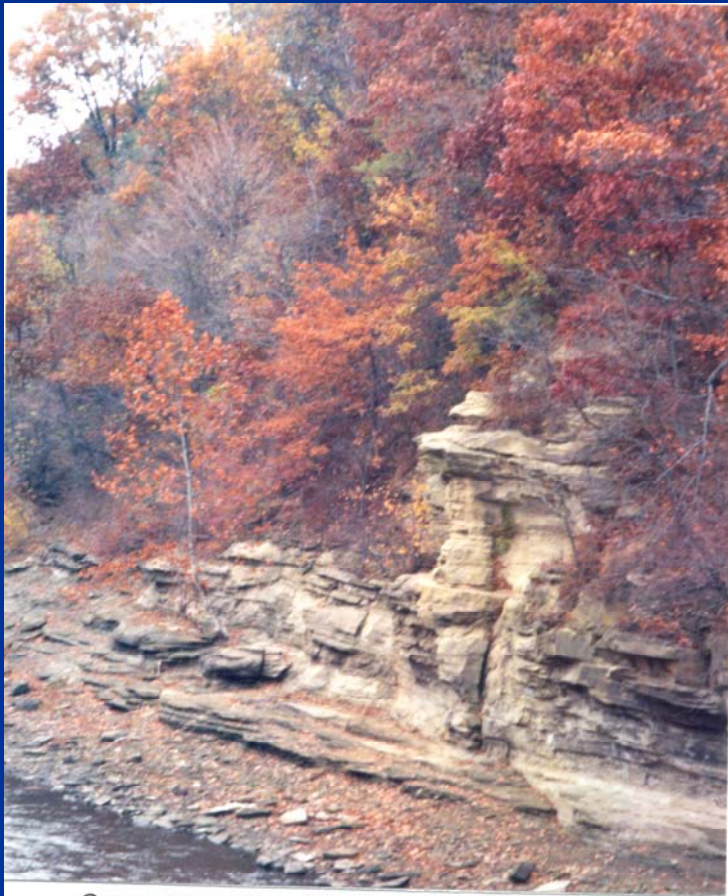


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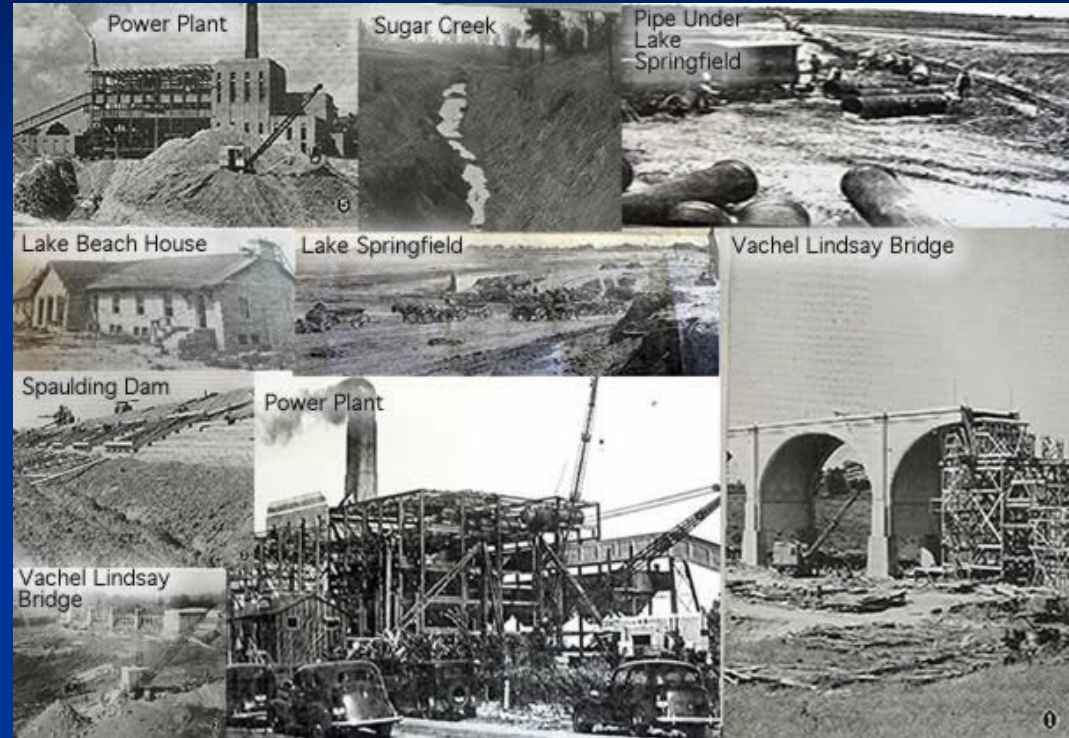
■ Linear Park Planning



Natural Resources



Sangamon River bluffs in Carpenter Park.



Economic Development

11 LARGEST EMPLOYERS - SANGAMON COUNTY, IL

Employer	Number of Workers	Product/Service
State of Illinois	17,000	Government
Memorial Health System	3,400	Health Care
St. John's Hospital	2,839	Health Care
Illinois National Guard	2,700	Government
Springfield Public Schools	2,019	Education
City of Springfield	1,789	Government
Horace Mann Companies	1,280	Insurance
SIU School of Medicine	1,200	Education/Health Care
SBC	900	Telecommunications
Springfield Clinic, LLP	900	Health Care
US Postal Service	900	Mail Service

Source: Economic Development Council





Additional Components

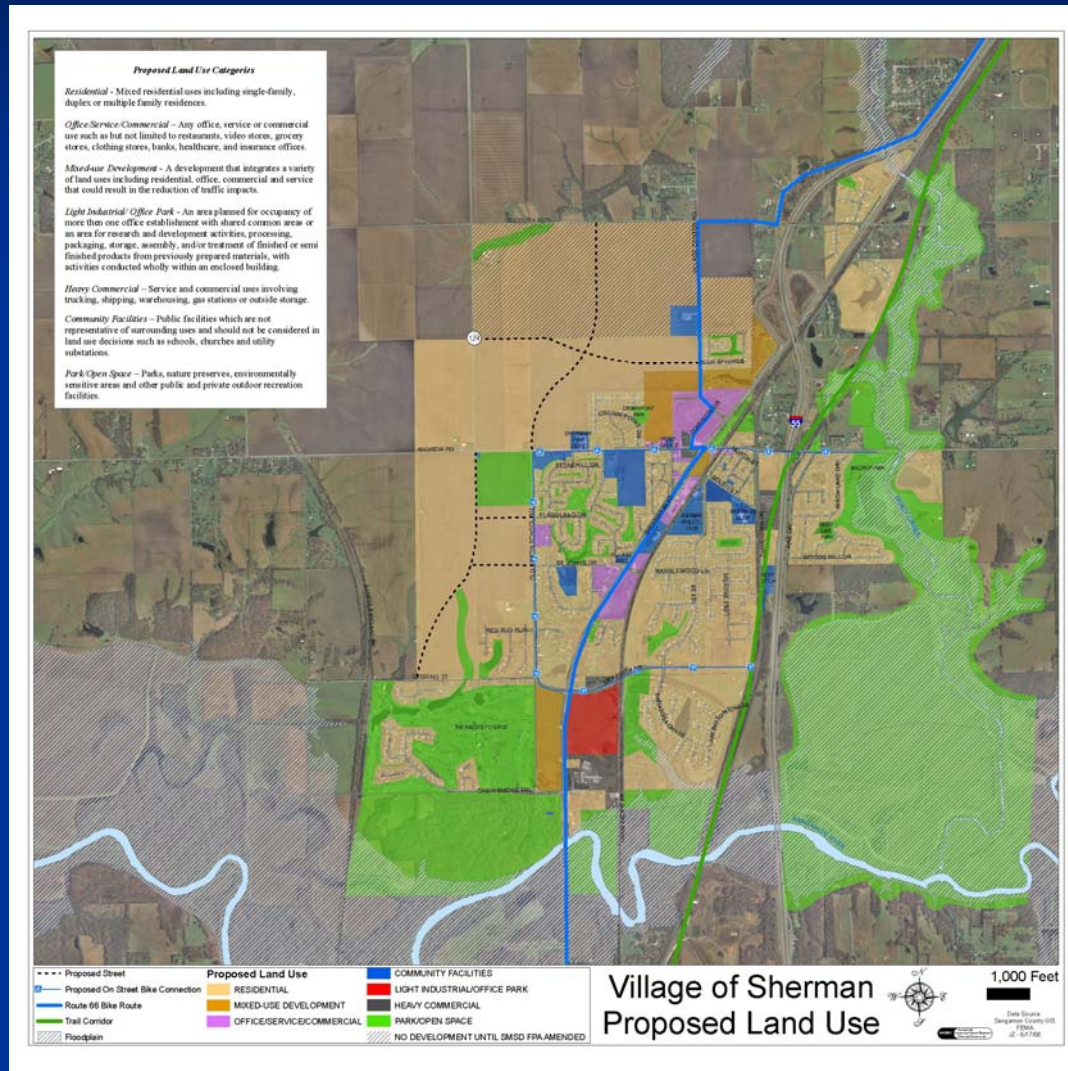


Protect the community.

- If, unfortunately, the jurisdiction finds itself in court over land use issues, having a comprehensive plan that explains the community's goals and future plans can help in its defense.



Land Use Plan



Implementation!

- Plans should be reviewed every five years. Updated every 10 years. The plan should be evaluated or measured.
- No comprehensive plan is complete simply because it has been written. The most important aspect of any comprehensive plan is the adoption and implementation by the local leaders.
- Plans are written on paper, not stone.